Fort Area of Amritsar. Cases of selling or letting out encroached land to others have not come to the knowledge of the Ministry of Defence.

(d) The future policy in regard to these occupations in being worked out in consultation with DGDE, Army Headquarters and the State Government.

[Translation]

His Holiness Dalai Lama's Political Activities

3324. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :
DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bharath Se Dalai lama Ko Gathividhi Ki Ijazath nahi" that appeared in Hindi daily "Hindustan" dated November 18, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Prime Minister had given any assurance to Chinese Premier during this visit to Rome in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (d). Prime Minister met the Chinese Premier Li Peng in Rome on 16 November, 1996. During their discussions which covered a number of Subject, Prime Minister informed the Chinese Premier that the position of the Government of India on Tibet and His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, remain unchanged.

[English]

ICDEOL, Shimla

3325. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether an International Centre for Distance Education and Open Learning is being run under the aegis of Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla;

(b) whether students have to pay exorbitant amount for completion of the formalities even for that which are not of their interest; and

(c) if so, the action, the Government propose to take to ameliorate the entire working of the ICDEOL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

Epidemic Diseases

3326. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of epidemics hunted Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the number of deaths due to Plague; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to prevent the recurrence of these disease in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Outbreaks of epidemic diseases in Delhi which have been investigated during 1994-96 are as under :

	1994	1995	1996
Acute G.E. including Cholera.		2	-
Jaundice	1	3	3
Viral Fever	1	-	-
Dengue	-	-	1
Chicken Pox	1	-	-
Plague	1	-	-
Malaria	1	-	1

(b) One death due to Plague was reported in Delhi during 1994.

(c) Necessary assistance in the form of investigation, understanding the spread of the disease and laboratory support were provided. A National Apical Advisory Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary to formulate a nation-wide disease surveillance network. The action points envisaged under the disease surveillance scheme are collection and flow of information, strengthening of laboratory diagnostic services, networking of centres and continuous monitoring of disease prevalence.

Employment for Burma Repatriate

3327. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that Burma Repatriate having valid documents and duly sponsored by Employment Exchange for Group 'C' & 'D' posts in the Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi are being discriminated against for employment; and

(b) if so, the corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) According to the information furnished by the ICMR, there has been no such case of discrimination in Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences which is located at Patna. The only Burma Repatriate in the Institute, who had worked earlier on daily wage basis in different capacities, was appointed as Peon on *ad hoc* basis recently on production of bonafide certificate of his being a Burma Repatriate.

(b) Does not arise.

Accidents on NHs

3328. SHRI VIJAY PATEL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of accidents that have taken place on the National Highways during 1995-96;

(b) the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to control the situation?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grabbing of Defence Land in Meerut Cantonment

3329. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether defence land worth several crores in Meerut Cantonment has been transferred through sale deeds and mutation carried out in favour of land mafias for construction of commercial complexes in violation of all rules and policy of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Questions does not arise.

[Translation]

Bridge Over Yamuna River

3330. PROF. OMPAL SINGH NIDAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under consideration for the construction of bridge over Yamuna river in Ferozabad district at Shanker Ghat in Uttar Pradesh, during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details therefor and the action taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) There is no proposal to construct the bridge in question during the Eighth Five Year Plan under any of the Centrally sponsored Schemes.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Device for Heart Patients

3331. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the American administration have prepared a device for the heart patients which saves the patients from the heart attacks by giving electric shock to the heart;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government propose to import the device for the heart patients on "Experimental basis";

(c) if so, the time by which this facility is likely to be provided to the patients in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A device called Implantable cardioverter Defibrillator has been used at a few hospitals in the country for treatment of problems regarding cardia rhythm. There is no proposal to use this device on "experimental basis".

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

Drip/Sprinkle System

3332. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to the concessions and incentives being given for drip/sprinkle system a number of companies have entered into joint ventures with foreign companies and these companies are selling their machines in the name of foreign collaboration;

(b) the number of indigenous companies which are manufacturing such machines themselves and number of companies which are selling foreign made machines;

(c) the names of agencies responsible for the pricing and quality of these machines; and

(d) the points taken into consideration at the time of pricing of there machines and the steps taken by the Government to check inflow of low quality parts?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWER MISHRA) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.